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Securities & Exchange Commission

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APR I 8 2005 Judiciary Plaza, Dear Sir/Madam,

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Please see attached information furnished pursuant to Section 12g3-2(b). Our file number is 82-34692.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew M Knox Public Officer

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RELEASE

Maari Oil Field Purchase Finalised

Cue is please to announce that the purchase by Cue of Delta Oil Taranaki Pty Ltd's 5% interest in PEP 38413, the permit that contains the Maari oil field in the offshore Taranaki Basin, New Zealand, has been finalized today.

The purchase price is Australian dollars 6.2 million, which represents A\$2.48 per barrel for the 2.5 million barrels of P_{50} recoverable oil volumes for the Maari field attributable to Cue. The effective date of the sale is 1 December 2004.

Background

The Maari field, situated in 100 metres water depth, approximately 80km from the Taranaki coast, is the largest undeveloped offshore oil field in New Zealand. The field was discovered by the Moki -1 exploration well, drilled by Tricentrol (operator) and Cue Energy Resources in 1983 and has been the subject of a number of subsequent delineation wells. Total P₅₀ Moki formation recoverable oil volumes in the field are estimated to be approximately 50 million barrels (Horizon Oil ASX release, 4 November 2004).

It is expected that a development decision will be made in mid 2005, with first oil production likely in the second quarter 2007, at an initial production rate of around 30,000 barrels of oil per day (gross), with Cue's share being 1500 barrels of oil per day.

PEP 38413 also contains the smaller Manaia oil discovery that may be developed in the future.

Participants in PEP 38413 are:

OMV Group 69% (Operator)

Todd Petroleum Mining Company Limited 16%

Horizon Oil 10%

Highlands Oil and Gas Pty Ltd 5%

(100% owned subsidiary of Cue Energy Resources)

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Chief Executive Officer

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